

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Office Action dated March 1, 2006. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 9, 20 and 29 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 20 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 9, 20 and 29 have been amended to overcome the rejection.

The Examiner objected to Fig. 1 of the drawings. A replacement sheet of Fig. 1 is attached to this response. Another copy of Fig. 1 with the correction shown in red is also provided.


The applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-8, 10-19, 21-28 and 30-36.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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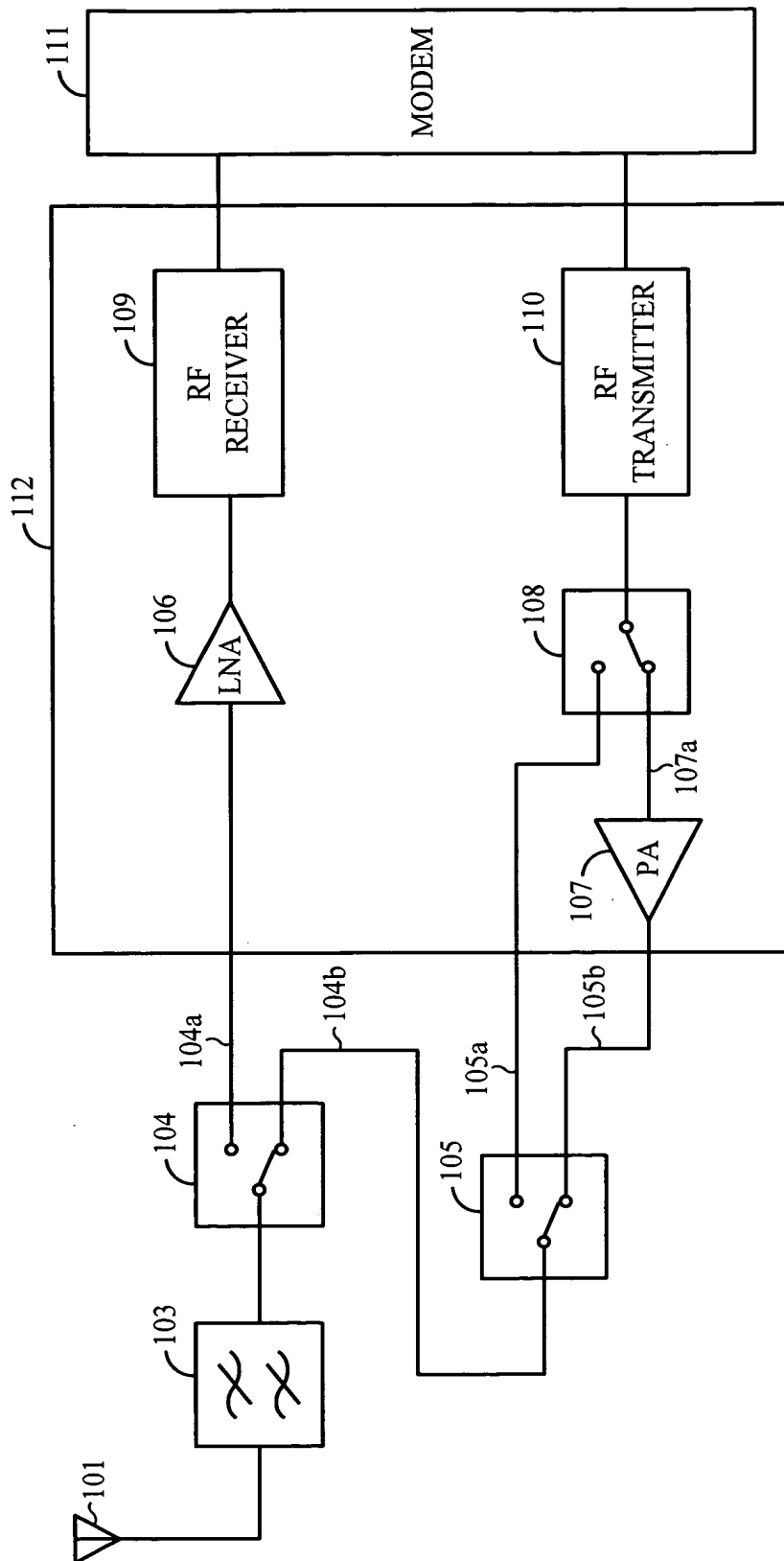


FIG. 1
Prior Art

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